

## Civic Group Held Spring Dance May 18

The North Torrance Civic Improvement association held its Spring Dance in the BPOE Hall, 1735 Market st. Gardena, on Saturday, May 18.

North Torrance Civic Improvement association was organized about 7 years ago by a group of North Torrance residents who saw the need to foster and promote a medium of community planning for the welfare of the citizens of North Torrance and the entire community. Over the years this group has grown from a small group to a membership of approximately 300. Any person living in North Torrance is invited to attend any regular general meeting held at McMaster Park the first Thursday of each month.

Last year the membership recognized the need of a building in North Torrance suitable for large dances and social affairs, as a result a program of money raising projects was put on the agenda with a part of the funds raised set aside in a building fund. Mrs. Frances Kirkpatrick ways and means chairman, with her committee have already added to this fund in the past few months.

## Honorable Mention

Gloria Bowen, student at Marymount, Palos Verdes, received honorable mention in the Los Angeles County History Essay contest sponsored by Zeta Alpha chapter of Phi Alpha Theta for her essay, "Torrance, a Constantly Developing City."



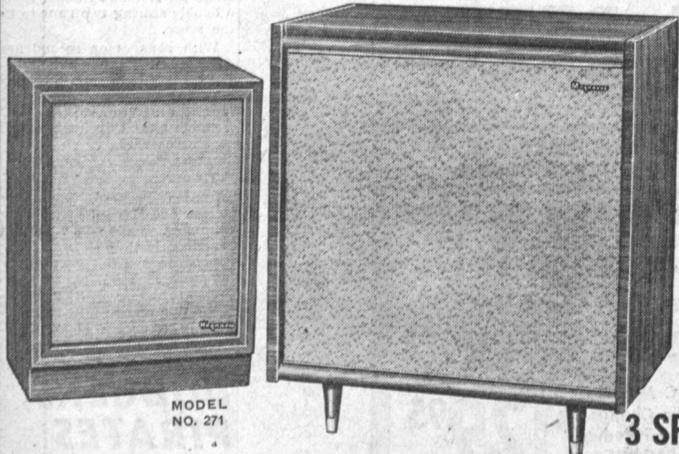
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North American Aviation electrician, Norman Staffin, 17025 Ermanita ave., Torrance, explains electrical arrangements of F-100 Super Sabre cockpit to British RAF Group Capt. W. P. Blackwood, center, and Wing Commander A. Reece, right. North American manufacturing representative Dick Smith is at left. British group toured North American facilities last week just prior to the record-making non-stop flight of three Super Sabres from London to Los Angeles.

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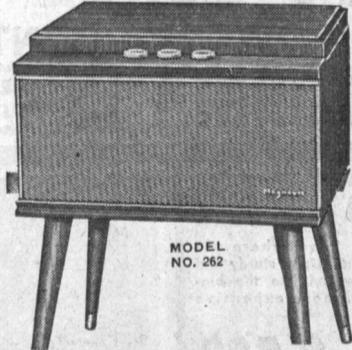
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## NHS Students Given Tour Aboard Ship

The offensive and defensive power of today's US Navy became more realistic for two Torrance students and their teacher during a short cruise aboard the USS Princeton.

North High Students Larry Lutz, son of Mrs. M. A. Lutz, and Jerry Cannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Cannon, were among high school journalism students from Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside counties attending the first "A Day With the Navy" sponsored by the Navy Reserve Public Relations Company 11-2, Los Angeles. They were accompanied by Journalism Adviser Guy R. Old, Jr.

Lutz carried a portable tape recorder during the day's activities and is presently preparing a special report for North High students to be broadcast over the school station KNHS. Both students will submit news stories in the writing contest sponsored by the Navy.

## Policemen to Be Promoted

Four local policemen will be promoted effective July 1, according to Acting Police Chief Percy Bennett.

Sergeants Ted Morriss and John Maestri will be made lieutenants and Officers William R. Lewis and Donald Hamilton will become sergeants.

## School District Eyes Large Override Tax

Torrance school officials are holding their breaths in the hope that they will not have to invoke the major portion of the 75-cent override tax.

It all depends on what the California Senate will do.

If the Senate approves Assembly Bill 3045 there's nothing much to worry about. This bill would increase State funds to local school districts from the present \$180 per pupil to \$210 per pupil.

This means an increase from the present \$120 per pupil to \$135 after money for special services has been deducted.

The bill has passed the Assembly but probably will not be acted on until the last minute before the Senate adjourns, according to Acting Superintendent Sam Waldrip of the Torrance Unified School District.

That's what makes local officials jittery when trying to figure next year's school budget.

If the bill does not pass, Waldrip said, it will be necessary to ask for a good chunk of the 75-cent override tax approved by the voters earlier this year.

A good chunk means somewhere between 50 cents and 75 cents, Waldrip speculated.

## Overdose Of Aspirin Kills Tot

Sandra Esch, three-year-old daughter of a North Torrance couple, died at Harbor General hospital Friday after swallowing 20 aspirin tablets, according to Torrance police.

The child, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Esch, 18520 St. Andrews pl., became ill after eating the aspirin late Wednesday.

The child was rushed to the hospital after being taken to a private physician.

## California Bank Honored

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